

Remarks

Claims 2, 9, 11 and 12 are amended. Claims 1, 4 and 10 are canceled. Claims 14-20 are new. Claims 2, 3 and 5-9, and 11-20 will be pending upon entry of this amendment.

Claim 13

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claim 13. Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 11 and 12 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 13 and are therefore patentable.

New Claim 14

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claim 10 if rewritten into independent form. New claim 14 corresponds to claim 10 rewritten into independent form and, as such, is patentable, as found by the Examiner in the Office action.

Claims 9 and 15-20 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 14 and are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 14.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of claims 2, 3, 5-9, and 11-20 is respectfully requested. The undersigned requests a telephone call from the Examiner if this would expedite allowance of the application.

Applicant does not believe that a fee is due in connection with this response. If, however, the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, he is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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